BAR HILL NEWS

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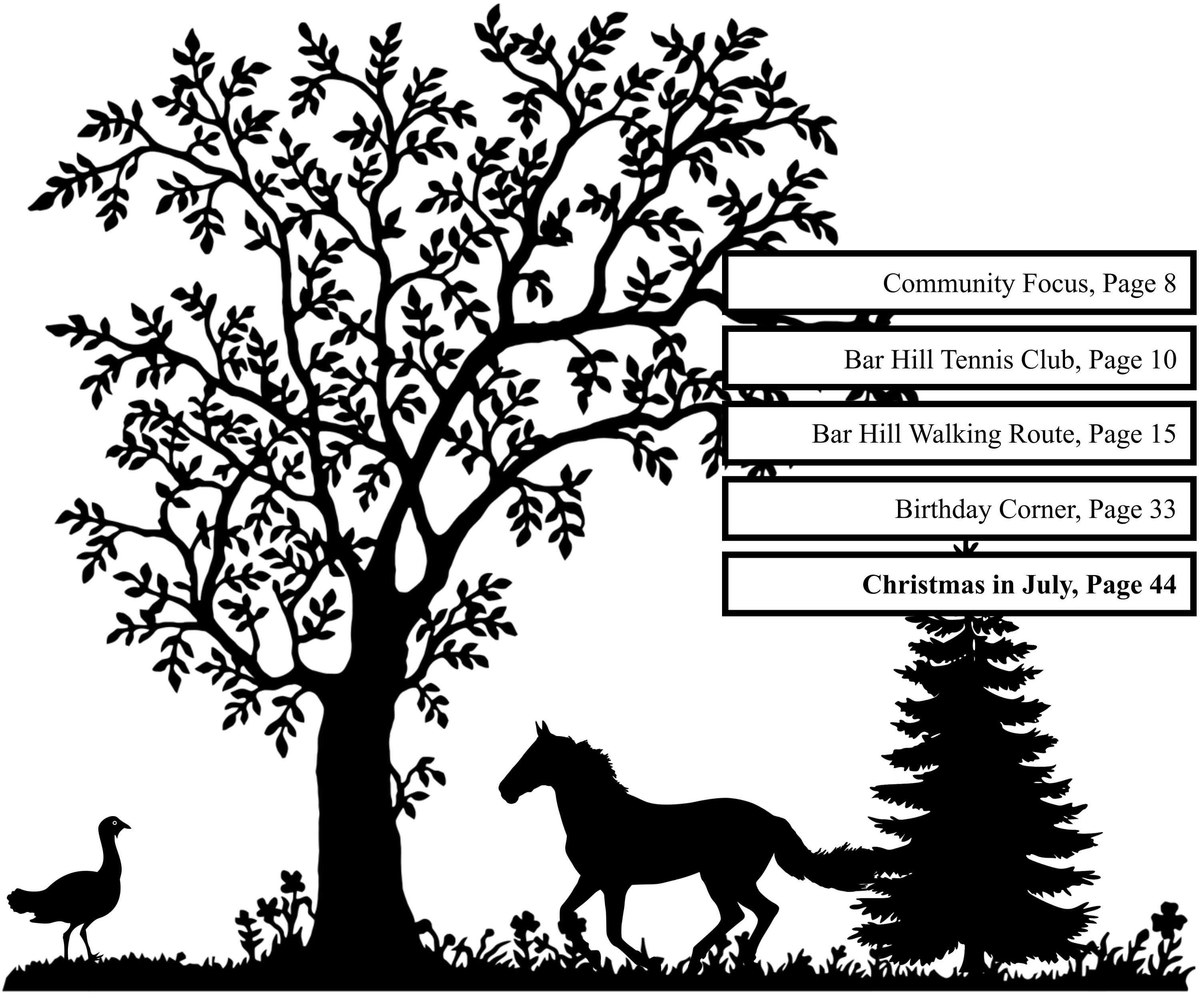
Litter Picking Event 2021

The first Bar Hill Litter Picking event of 2021 is scheduled for **10th July** - meeting at **10am** in front of the Parish Council offices (by the Primary School).

We'd love to see you there! Bags and pickers will be provided, if you'd like to join us then please email the editor on bhneditor@yahoo.com.



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Whether you are new to rosary or not we encourage finding time for a faithful reflection.

Please text your address to Agnes (074 3255 0621) and the free kit will be delivered to your door (in Bar Hill).

God bless you!

Neighbourhood Watch Network is a charity registered in England & Wales, CIO no: 1173349

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Dog theft is on the rise and we are urging the public to keep their dogs SECURE, IN SIGHT and SEARCHABLE, and to help make pet theft a SPECIFIC OFFENCE.

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1. SECURE (pets are easily stolen from unsecured gardens if left unattended)

2. IN SIGHT (when out and about keep them close and practice good recall)

3. SEARCHABLE (to support quicker recovery if they go missing keep them microchipped, tagged and up to date photos)

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(no performance on Friday)

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There is a £1 fee per transaction for online bookings. This is an amateur production by arrangement with Stagescripts Ltd.

POSTPONED! COVID-19 rules have made our original dates impossible.
At the time of writing we are trying to replan for early the following week.
Please check our website, social media, posters or phone us for an update.

BAR HILL PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairperson: bunty.waters@barhillpc.org.uk

A big thank you for all your responses to our consultation last month. We will publish the results in the August edition.

We have received several complaints regarding the recent grass cutting such as missed areas, the speed at which mowers are travelling, and the quality of the work itself. Councillors have spoken to our contractors who have increased resources to cover this period of growth. We are working with them to address these issues and thank you for your patience. We would ask residents to take into account that the spring growing season has been very disrupted this year. A long, wet May has meant unprecedented levels of grass growth for the time of year. This has meant the grass has grown very quickly between scheduled cuts, resulting in quite a lot of cuttings laying on the surface in places. As the growth rate slows and the cuts become shorter, the grass will start look a lot smarter. Could we also politely remind you to move your vehicles away from the verges so the work can take place. We will be saving the dates of the next cut to the website the week before it happens and leafleting the areas that need extra attention to ask you to move your cars a few days before the cuts take place.

Useful Links

Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 (South Cambs DC); http://bit.ly/bh-dogfouling

Environmental Crime (South Cambs DC); http://bit.ly/bh-envirocrime

Damaged Street Nameplate (South Cambs DC); http://bit.ly/bh-streetnameplate

Reporting issues with roads, paths, street lights, etc. (Cambridgeshire CC); http://bit.ly/bh-highwaysfault

Report a non-urgent Crime (Police); http://bit.ly/bh-reportcrime

Could you provide a voice for residents?

Become a Parish Councillor and help make a difference to your community!

Contact office@barhillpc.org.uk for details on how to apply and get an information pack
https://www.barhillpc.org.uk

You may have noticed on your walks past the Parish Council office that the main green, noticeboard is not there. Sadly, this was vandalised on Sunday 12 June. This has been reported to the police. Our notices can be found in the smaller silver noticeboard for now.

What can you do to help make your property more resilient to flooding, should Bar Hill flood again as in 2014? Flooding presents an increasing risk to many people living and working across the Oxford-Cambridge Arc region. The Ox-Cam Property Flood Resilience (PFR) Pathfinder Project aims to increase the effective uptake and awareness of PFR across seven local authority areas. The project's Flood-mobile vehicle demonstrates more than 50 flood reliance actions you can take in your own home. It will be visiting Bar Hill in the summer – look out for further information on our website and noticeboards. The following website also includes a helpful Homeowners Guide to Flood Resilience, which offers much practical advice: https://www.floodtoolkit.com/ox-cam-property-flood-resilience-pathfinder/

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Bar Hill Sports and Social Club

It's been an exciting month with reopening! the covid restrictions and table service has taken its toll on the staff and committee so thank you for your patience and understanding as we get used to the ever changing new normal.

We are always looking for new staff, Evenings and weekends available. If you would like to earn some extra cash please contact Helene to discuss this further.

We have some great events booked in so far for everyone to enjoy.

Starting with our annual Christmas draw renamed the Summer raffle, being drawn on the 20th August - tickets available to buy right up until the draw itself.

Then our family filled fun day on **Saturday 28th August 2-6pm**, rides, BBQ, zorbs, mini beer fest, bouncy castles and much more followed by a disco for the kids and adults in the club from 6pm. No tickets required just come and enjoy. Everyone welcome!

Saturday 18th September - The Harry Potter quiz! 6.30 registration for 7pm start. Whole family welcome! £2.50 per person to enter, winner takes all!

Saturday 16th October - Love the 80's, sensational singer featuring Madonna. £5 per ticket available from the Club. 8pm in the Village hall.

Saturday 30th October - Halloween disco for the kids. 6-8pm.

Saturday 11th September - sidekicks playing live.

Gets these dates in your diary and look out for more exciting things to come.

Thank you for all your support, we hope to see you all soon.

If you need to contact us please email - we'll aim to reply as quickly as possible. **bhssc.secretary@outlook.com**

To keep up to date with what's happening at the club check out our new website **www.barhillssc.co.uk**

Bar Hill Pre-School

In May and June, we have been looking at how we have grown, and what we like to do with our families. These photos have been made into displays and are great talking points for the children.

With the lovely sunny weather, we have made the most of the shade in the garden by planting some tomatoes and potatoes in our wooden planters. The children enjoy caring for them by watering them and observing them grow.

This month, the children have participated in a sponsored walk around the village green to raise money for the charity 'Crackerjacks'. We would like to thank everyone that sponsored the children.

Are you interested in finding out more and booking a place for your child? Contact enquiries@barhillpreschool.co.uk or call **01954 782892**. You could also visit our website www.barhillpreschool.co.uk for an enrolment form.

Children are offered places from the age of two years old. We are open 9am-3pm in term time.

We are currently taking applications for the school year September 2021-July 2022. Spaces are filling up fast, so enquire asap for a place.

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Over Day Centre is a friendly, community led charity that has been offering high quality care and social opportunities to older people living in South Cambridgeshire since 1989.

We are looking for four new Trustees to join our Board and help us to navigate future challenges. We are also keen to increase the number of volunteers to both help at the Centre, and/or join one of our four working groups (see below). We want our Trustees reflect our diverse community with people from all backgrounds; as well as from all the villages for which we provide social care. At the moment we have clients from 6 villages – including Bar Hill.

The Board of Trustees meets 6 times a year and has four working groups focused on business development, maintenance of the Centre, HR and fundraising. All our meetings are currently virtual, and, in the future, we expect to have a blended mix of face to face and virtual meetings.

We are keen to find new trustees who can provide strategic direction, appropriate oversight, scrutiny, challenge, leadership, and passion to support the development of the Centre. Skills and expertise in business development, social care, human resources, and governance/policy would be welcome.

For further information about becoming a trustee or volunteer, please contact our Administrator, Halina Szulakowska by phone **01954 231807** or email **admin@overdaycentre.co.uk**. Arrangements can be made to meet with the co-chairs David Barker or Cecilia Tredget. Applications to be made by letter of support and CV.

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Birthday Corner

1st - 4th July

Zac Harrison, and Harry Searle

5th - 11th July

Arthur Tucker, and a special mention to John Sweeney who is turning 80 (With love from wife Christine and children Steven and Roslyn xxx)

12th - 18th July

Skyla Dickinson and her auntie Kelly Howard (both celebrating on the same day!), Imogen Smith, Archie Clare, and Phoebe Whitfield

19th - 25th July

Poppy Caddell, and Wendy Arrowsmith

26th - 31st July

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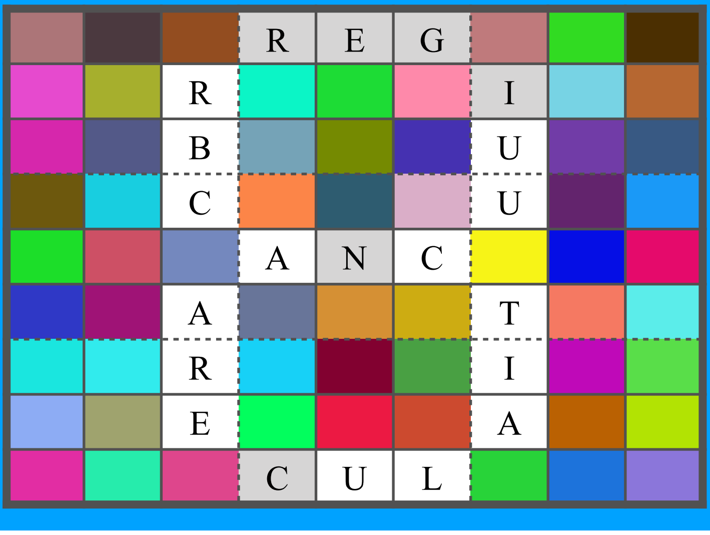

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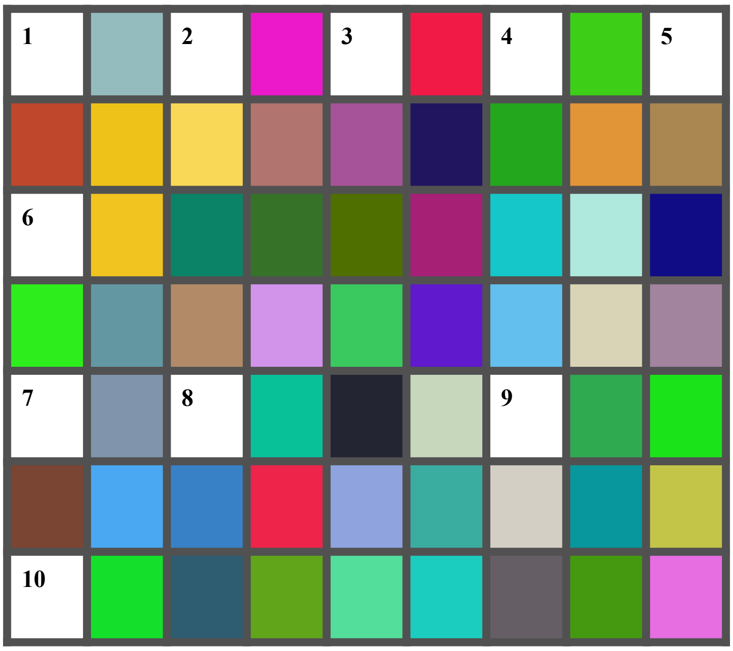

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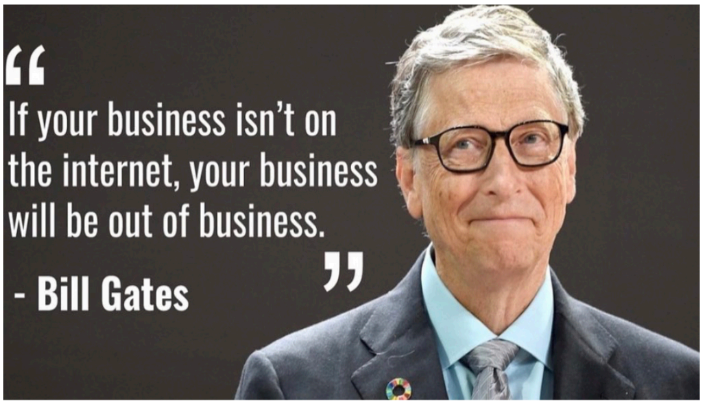
July Crossword

Across-1.insect that goes with bush & madam etc. 6.composed anew, 7.lessening of impact. 10.bargain.

Down---1.compact, 2.uncooked, 3.obvious, 4.healthy, 5.chinese river, 8.makes ovens etc, 9.epoch.



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When hoglets reach 3 to 4 weeks old they will forage for food, returning afterwards to the nest to continue taking their mother's milk. They will leave the nest for good usually around 6 weeks.

We can help by continuing to leave food and water out for them. Soft cat/dog food and kitten biscuits are a great supplementary food for hedgehogs. If you see any hedgehogs out during the day this is means they are in serious need of veterinary care. They are often dehydrated and will need to be given fluids intravenously. The only occasion it is ok for a hedgehog to be out during the day , is when it's re-nesting as it's nest has been damaged or disturbed.

For help or advice on hedgehogs contact Liz Dams on **07912 988898** or Shepreth Hedgehog Hospital on **07505 651968**.

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How to Keep Your Home Safe This Summer

Coronavirus forced many people to place their holiday plans on hold. However, with the government now reviewing travel, it’s possible you might just get away this year. Whether you are planning a foreign holiday or not, you’ll likely be out enjoying your new found freedom at pubs and restaurants over the Summer, leaving your homes unoccupied much more regularly as lockdown restrictions lift. While this can be great news for the economy, it could bring a possible rise in household burglaries so it’s important to be vigilant.

Here’s our top tips on keeping your home safe this Summer.

Ensure your doors are locked.

While the nice weather means we typically spend longer outdoors, we can often forget to lock the doors after we leave the house. Always remember to keep both front and back doors locked, whether you’re simply going for a jog or popping out to your local shop. Don’t forget your windows!

Protect your home online

If you do want to use social media to tell friends that you’re in the pub or on holiday, there are things you can do to protect your home and possessions from burglars. Make sure your social media profile is set to private and avoid using the location and check-in features when you’re out and about. Also, try to save those holiday posts until after you are back home.

Get tech savvy together with your home security

You could think about installing a wifi security camera to deter potential thieves. Or keep an eye on things with a video doorbell. Another clever tip is to install smart lights. Some smart lights have away modes that turn the lights on and off intermittently making it appear as though someone is home.

If this is of interest to you please join the neighbourhood watch village group on face book   Bar hill nhw and help keep the village a safer place to live in.

Bar Hill NWR

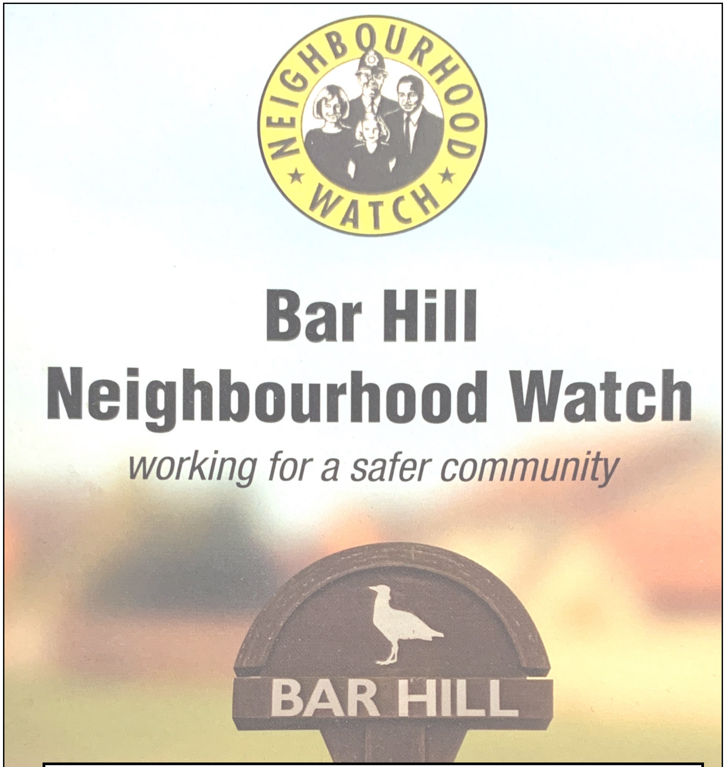
Bar Hill NWR (National Women Register) is a friendly group of like minded women who meet every two weeks in members' homes (gardens at present) discussing a variety of topics.

If you are interested in joining please contact the Local Organiser Kaye on **782403** or her deputy Marie-Thé on **780329**.

July 8th: birth order (does the position in the family order have an effect on life)

July 22nd: medicine (research a drug, its history, development, etc.)

August 5th: Africa (research and talk about an African country



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We are looking for new members to join us so if you are 50 or over, want to get out, see some old friends, meet some new ones and have some fun why not come along and give us a try!

In the meantime STAY SAFE!

Coming up in July and August:

02-JUL: All things American
09-JUL: Pictionary
16-JUL: Bingo/Raffle
23-JUL: Growing up in the 30s and 40s
30-JUL: Play your Cards Right
06-AUG: "A Day at the Seaside"

Anne Plumb, 01954 780364

BAR HILL WARD - DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

OX-CAM PATHFINDER PROJECT

I have been contacted by Ox-Cam PFR Pathfinder Project, which is one of three national Defra projects which are designed to raise awareness of property flood resilience measures in communities that have been affected by flooding. The Project are planning to visit at least 10 affected communities across the Oxfordshire-Cambridgeshire arc region with their Floodmobile demonstration vehicle to host an event that the community can visit to find out more about flooding and what they can do to lessen the impact a flood can have on their homes/ businesses. Bar Hill is one of the areas where they will bring their vehicle for all residents to visit and ask questions. This is expected to be in August, just waiting for the date to be finalised. An article will be in the Bar Hill News, please make sure to visit and ask questions.

CARING TOGETHER

Don't forget that if you care for a family member or friend you are entitled to free PPE (personal protective equipment). This protects you and the person you care for. See https://t.co/VCokxSL7BF

EQUINE & NMU STRIP

I have not received a response to my FOI to date, they have 20 days to respond. I am meeting with a member of HE to get any update, however, they continue to say it was in the DCO, Development Consent Order, which is required from government to put in highways. I have been in talks since the start of the A14 upgrade and cannot recall any mention of this, however, I await to see what was stated for this NMU. As this is Highways England and County Council responsibility I believe we will be sidelined and ignored.

CLIMATE CHANGE

The council has agreed to be carbon neutral by 2030 which is having an effect on varius aspects of council responsibilities.

The requirements for all planning applications has been upgraded to include better insulation, building materials as well as water conservation and increased use of renewable energy.

The new refuse lorry is an electric vehicle but will mostly run in Cambridge as it does not have the capacity for the rural areas. However, technology moves forward rapidly and it is hoped future vehicles will be able to be used in South Cambs.

There are plans to install solar panels in the car parks at Cambourne and the Depot at Waterbeach. There has been a focus in increasing and improving cycle routes and encouraging a healther life style. Clearly the Home working scheme has been accelerated by the pandemic but the reduction in travel is seen as a way forward.

How lucky are we, in Bar Hill, to have the wonderful walks now, over the bridge and off to Cambridge, Dry Drayton, Boxworth, Lolworth etc., and others which I am sure you will have found by now.

Welcome if you are new to the village, contact me if I can help in any way or you would like more information

South Cambridgeshire
District Council

Please contact me if you would like further information, help, or advice
Cllr Bunty Waters - bunty.waters@ntlworld.com **01954 201421/07734 690580**

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Please look at us on **www.U3AC.org.uk**, and we would be happy to send you our Programme for 2021/2022. We will be having an Open day and you are welcome to come and meet us in Bridge Street !

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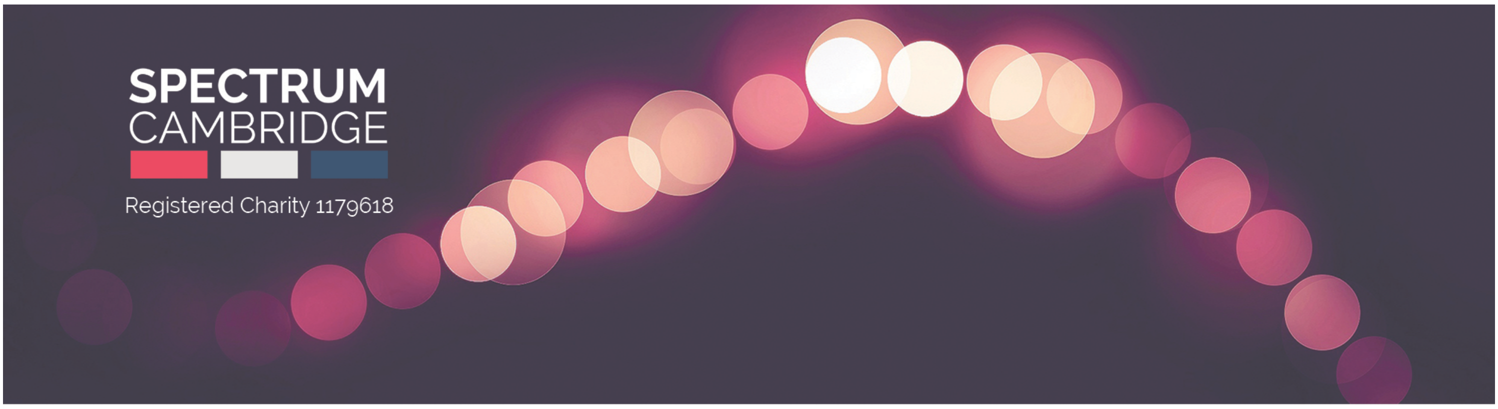
Telephone: 01223 321587



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Bar Hill Scouts

Since we have been back to 'in person' scouting, all our sections have been making the most of the great outdoors! Scouts have been hiking, Cubs had a go at using Bar Hill as a giant monopoly board, and Beavers have been welcoming new members as well as creating their own characters!

Scouts

1st Bar Hill

A recent highlight has been an evening run by Craft Shed, in which the cubs had the chance to construct bird boxes and learn to use the tools to do so. Craft shed kindly provided the expertise, guidance and materials. All the cubs thoroughly enjoyed the evening, and came home feeling very proud at what they had been able to achieve. Huge thanks are due to the Craft Shed team.

Congratulations to Sarah Seekings and Nathan Hills who have received the Commissioners Commendation Award, to recognise their fantastic efforts this year. If you'd like to be part of a commendable team, consider that we remain short of adult leaders and helpers in all sections Volunteering in Scouting need not take up much time, or effort, but can be immensely rewarding so please get in touch if you have the desire to help young people in your community.

Would you like to join or help?

For Scouting: Groups meet at Bar Hill Scout Hut (near the Sports and Social Club): Beavers (Ages 6 -8): Thursdays, Cubs (Ages 8-10.5): Mondays, and Scouts (Ages 10.5 -14): Fridays.

Contact **David.wright@barhillscouts.org.uk**. Please note that waiting lists operate for the younger sections.

Or have you been inspired to join Craft Shed? Contact **c.e.stannard1@gmail.com**

What goes in your blue bin?

Yes

Recycle ✓Clean ✓Empty ✓Don't bag it

Breakfast cereal

Cardboard

Paper & magazines

Tins, cans & foil

ANTI-PERSPIRANT
DEODORANT

Aerosol cans

AFTER SHAVE
Medicine

Glass bottles & jars

Cartons

YOGHURT
MEAT

Plastic pots, tubs, trays & bags

milk
Kitchen Cleaner

Plastic bottles

Shredded paper
(in envelope or clear sack)

Occasional extra recycling
One clear sack and/or a bundle of cardboard that would fit in an empty blue bin can be left next to your bin for collection, providing the crew has sufficient space on the round. Or order an additional blue bin for free via our website.

No

- ✗ Black bin bags or rubbish
- ✗ Nappies, tissues, kitchen paper, wipes & sanitary waste
- ✗ Polystyrene
- ✗ Glasses, flat glass or glass dishes
- ✗ Mirrors, Pyrex, plates/ crockery

The following can be recycled elsewhere – check our website.

- ✗ Clothing and textiles
- ✗ Food, liquid or garden waste
- ✗ Wood, plasterboard & DIY waste
- ✗ Furniture or electricals
- ✗ Scrap metal e.g. pans
- ✗ Hard plastics e.g. bucket
- ✗ Crisp packets

What goes in your green bin?

Yes

Compostables

Cooked/uncooked food waste (including meat, fish and dairy)

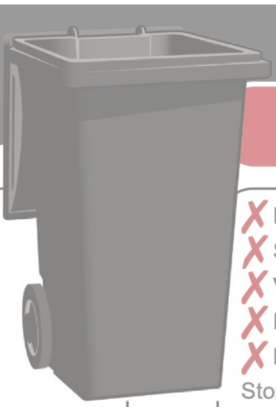
Untreated wood and sawdust

Garden waste

No

- ✗ Plastic & plastic bags
- ✗ Compostable bags e.g. Biobags
- ✗ Nappies, wipes and sanitary waste
- ✗ Soil or stones
- ✗ Painted or treated wood
- ✗ Cat or dog waste
- ✗ Plant pots and seedling trays
- ✗ Used paper tissues and kitchen paper (during the pandemic)

What goes in your black bin?



Yes

Reduce Please try to reduce other rubbish that cannot be recycled or composted

General rubbish
including nappies, wipes, sanitary waste, polystyrene, broken crockery or glassware (wrapped), tissues and kitchen paper

No

- ✗ Rubble/bricks
- ✗ Soil
- ✗ Very heavy items
- ✗ Electrical items
- ✗ Batteries

Store these items to take to Household Recycling Centres at Milton or Thriplow.

Not sure if it can be recycled? Check the 'What goes in which bin?' page on our website, via www.scambs.gov.uk/bins for hundreds more items

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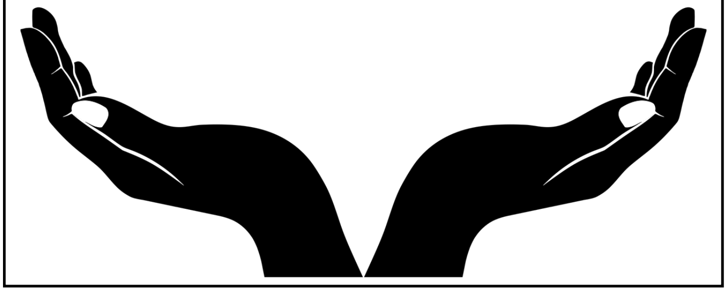
Olive Tree Bereavement Group

This is normally a monthly meeting place for those who have suffered a bereavement and provides a welcome, safe place to talk about these issues.

In the absence of meeting in person because of the Covid pandemic, we are happy for you to contact us by phone if you need to talk or are finding things tough.

We look forward to meeting again in person when it is safe to do so. In the meantime we would love you see you at our Zoom Meeting coffee and chat event on Saturday 5th June at 10.30 – 11.30 am. Contact either of us for details of entry.

Chris **781978** or Sue **780260**



Wildlife Gardening

It is another very busy month for garden wildlife. Bees, moths, butterflies and other pollinators are making the most of flowering plants and sunshine. The birds are foraging for caterpillars to feed their chicks.

A very good friend who is a wildlife expert in Fowlmere told me about an unusual incident he had been called to in a neighbours garden.A Mistle Thrush nest had two young being fed by the adults. They nest fairly high up in mature trees but this nest was in a shrub & only 5' from ground level. The property owner noticed the two fully feathered young seemed to be attached & on checking, she found the nest contained quite a lot of lengths of man-made plastic (the type that dumpy bags are made of) - The plastic had entangled a leg from each bird. She managed to cut them from the nest & removed one of the birds, that had unfortunately died. My friend called in and removed the plastic from the live bird. It had been wrapped around its leg for some time & had cut off the blood supply, so it had lost the use of its foot! The parent birds were still coming in to feed it, so he made the decision to release it in the garden. It was healthy, other than its foot & birds are known to do well with just the one foot!

Dumpy bags do have bits that break off; especially when the bags are cut open. These discarded pieces can cause so much damage!!! Litter is a potential hazard to wildlife. Please dispose of responsibly and don't leave lying around the garden.

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The Ox-Cam Property Flood Resilience (PFR) Pathfinder Project aims to increase the effective uptake and awareness of PFR across the seven local authority areas.

Flooding presents an increasing risk to many people living and working across the Oxford-Cambridge Arc region.

Due to intense and prolonged rainfalls, we have seen robust defences overtopped or damaged and furthermore, according to Sir James Bevan, Chief Executive of the Environment Agency, winter rainfall is set to increase by almost 60% by 2050.

Installing flood resilience measures to new builds and existing properties will enable recovery to happen in just a matter of days instead of months, should a significant flood occur.

As one of three DEFRA-funded national pathfinder partnerships, the OX-Cam Property Flood resilience (PFR) project will be supporting communities across the area in understanding the advantages of PFR.

We demonstrate the active steps that can be taken to make homes, businesses, or other property resilient to flooding.

Working with partners and communities, including insurers, construction and property businesses, our focus is to promote a greater understanding of the actions that can be taken to minimise damage from flood waters.

Please see some links to the website and a virtual tour of the Flood-mobile: https://bit.ly/3zAQtp6

360-degree virtual tour: https://bit.ly/35zYsoF

Homeowners Guide to Flood Resilience – a fantastic free guide that offers some excellent advice: https://bit.ly/3vCbZXu

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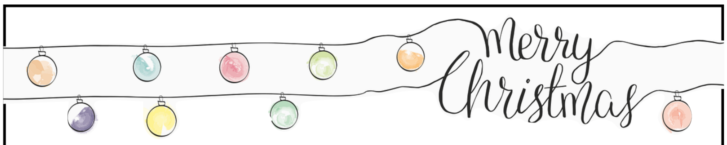

Christmas In July

No, this isn't the effect of spending too much time in lockdown! We really are putting on a Christmas event in July.

The person who helped us organise the Christmas Tree in Bar Hill last year is coming to the village to show off their Christmas wares to help us prepare to do something extra special for the village this year.

Come along! We'd love to see you and hear your views on what you'd like to see this year.

We'll be reaching out to companies and organisations across the village to come and visit as well. The more the merrier!

We look forward to seeing you there. There might even be some mulled cider …

If you'd like to contribute to the funds for this year the fundraiser is still active and the total stands at over **£1000** two-thirds of the way towards our £1,500 target!

We have a goFundMe page; bit.ly/BHRAChristmas2021. If you'd like to donate but don't want to donate online cheques payable to "Bar Hill Residents Association" can be left at the Parish Council Office or at 18 Foxhollow.

If you'd like to help please email bhneditor@yahoo.com.

COME VISIT US IN THE CHURCH HALL

7TH JULY

4-6PM